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Letter dated 30 May 2008 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Moldova to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to transmit herewith a letter from Andrei Stratan, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Foreign Affairs and European Integration of the Republic of Moldova, in which he requests you to refer the application of Moldova for membership in the Executive Committee of the Programme of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees to the Economic and Social Council (see annex).

(*Signed*) Alexandru **Cujba**
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Annex to the letter dated 30 May 2008 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Moldova to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to inform you that Moldova is willing to become a member of the Executive Committee of the Programme of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees.

Since its accession to the 1951 Convention relating to the Status of Refugees[a] and the 1967 Protocol thereto,[b] Moldova has been actively involved in the complex process of setting up the legislative framework and developing international partnerships in the field of protection and promotion of the rights of refugees.

As Moldova currently represents a destination objective for the asylum-seekers coming from different parts of the world (encompassing about 30 countries), in the last few years the Government of Moldova had carried out a constructive dialogue with the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees with the purpose of building sound capacities in managing the issues related to refugees and asylum-seekers and succeeded in developing and adopting new policies aimed at improving application of the international standards in the field.

The membership of Moldova in the Executive Committee would open up the possibility of extensively promoting an integrative approach to this issue at the international level with a view to ensuring adequate management of the influx of refugees at the national, regional and international levels.

We hope that the Economic and Social Council will approve the application of Moldova for membership in the Executive Committee, thus providing our State with the opportunity to effectively contribute to the activities of this relevant body.

(*Signed*) Andrei **Stratan**

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[a] United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 189, No. 2545.

[b] Ibid., vol. 606, No. 8791.